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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Akihiko ITO et al. :
Serial No. 10/659,503 : Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: September 10, 2003 :
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MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In order to place this application in better condition for a complete examination on the merits, applicants preliminarily amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this amendment; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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